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ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG IN LONDON

APRIL 8, 1982

First let me just make a brief statement. Despite the circumstances, it is always a great personal pleasure for me to be back in London. As you know, President Reagan has asked me to represent him in seeking to be of assistance to solving the crisis in the South Atlantic. I am looking forward to discussions here in Great Britain with Prime Minister Thatcher's Government which is the United States' closest ally and friend, and to seek solutions, if we can, in accordance with U.N. Resolution 502 which calls for the withdrawal of Argentine forces from the islands and a diplomatic solution to the problem.

I also look forward to seeing once again, and working for the first time, with my old colleague Foreign Secretary Pym and we will have many discussions in the hours ahead.

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DESPITE THE CURRENT CRISIS I AM ALWAYS GRATIFIED TO RETURN TO LONDON. AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS ASKED ME TO REPRESENT HIM IN TRYING TO ASSIST IN SOLVING THE PRESENT CRISIS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. WE ARE HERE AS BRITAIN'S CLOSEST FRIEND AND ALLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER'S GOVERNMENT AS TO HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 502, WHICH CALLS FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE ISLANDS AND A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

I AM ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO MY FIRST MEETING WITH MY OLD FRIEND FRANCIS PYM AS FOREIGN SECRETARY. WE WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER ON MANY OTHER ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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